

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, it was indicated that the instant application is in condition for allowance except for a formal issue relating to the specification, and prosecution on the merits has been closed.

Regarding the noted informality, it was suggested in the Action that the specification contains drawings on pages 26 and 27, contrary to 37 CFR 1.58(a).

In response, it is respectfully submitted that all of the drawings are contained within the drawings section of the instant application, comprising 13 sheets of drawings with 23 figures. The material contained on pages 26 and 27 of the instant specification is in fact a reference table of symbols and formulas employed in the instant application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.58(a) tables, formulas and the like are permissible within the specification, and it is respectfully submitted that pages 26 and 27 do not contain any impermissible drawings or flow diagrams, as the latter are contained exclusively and properly in the drawings sections of the application.

The foregoing matter was discussed in a telephone interview with Examiner Mai on June 3, 2005. The Examiner agreed that formulas and tables are in fact permissible, and it was further agreed that the instant specification would be amended in order to more clearly and precisely indicate that the material

presented on pages 26 and 27 of the instant specification does in fact comprise a table of symbols, formulas and the like, rather than impermissible drawings or flow diagrams.

Accordingly, the instant specification has been amended to clarify this issue as described above, and it is respectfully submitted that the objection contained in the outstanding Action has thereby been overcome. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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